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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Diazinon in the Chollas Creek Watershed, San Diego County

**Friday, May 17, 2002
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**City of San Diego
Metropolitan Wastewater Department
Auditorium
9192 Topaz Way
San Diego, California**

CHOLLAS CREEK TMDL

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) proposes to amend its *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin* (Basin Plan) to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for diazinon in the Chollas Creek watershed.

BACKGROUND

In 1996, Chollas Creek was placed on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies because water quality data indicated that the Basin Plan water quality objective for "Toxicity" was not attained in Chollas Creek. The warm freshwater habitat (WARM) and wildlife habitat (WILD) beneficial uses in the creek were determined to be impaired. Subsequent Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) analyses indicated that the toxicity was due to the organophosphate pesticide, diazinon.

The Regional Board is addressing this water quality impairment by developing a TMDL. The purpose of a TMDL is to attain applicable water quality objectives and to restore the beneficial uses of an impaired waterbody. The process involves calculating the total maximum daily load of a pollutant that the waterbody can receive and still attain applicable water quality objectives. The TMDL is then divided and allocated amongst all contributing point and nonpoint sources in the watershed. The following web sites contain general information on TMDLs:
www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/
www.epa.gov/region9/water/tmdl/
www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb9/

The purpose of this TMDL is to reduce diazinon concentrations in Chollas Creek as needed to attain the water quality objectives for "Toxicity" and "Pesticides" and to restore the WARM and WILD beneficial uses in the creek.

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The Regional Board will consider adoption of a Basin Plan amendment to incorporate the Chollas Creek TMDL for diazinon into the Basin Plan at a public hearing on June 12, 2002. The proposed Basin Plan amendment has been circulated for public review.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The Regional Board will hold a public workshop at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 2002, at the City of San Diego, Metropolitan Wastewater Department, Auditorium, 9192 Topaz Way San Diego, California.

The purpose of the workshop is to solicit and receive public comment on all aspects of the proposed TMDL and related implementation plan. At the workshop, Regional Board staff will present the proposed TMDL and implementation plan. We encourage all interested persons to attend this workshop.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The proposed Basin Plan amendment and related documents are available at the Regional Board office, at the above address, on weekdays during business hours. These documents can also be accessed through the Internet at the Regional Board website:
<www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9>.

INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Parking is available at the workshop location. The workshop room facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Lori Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least 5 working days prior to May 17, 2002. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

If you have comments or questions regarding this workshop or the proposed Basin Plan amendment please contact Linda Pardy, Environmental Scientist, Water Quality Standards Unit, at (858) 627-3932, email at

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Thank you for your interest in the Basin Plan and the protection of water quality.

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